

ALDERSHOT'S FIGHT

ALDERSHOT provided the opposition on Saturday, and there was a much more strenuous game. The Town were value for their win, but so determined were Aldershot, that they very nearly secured a point. They had the merit of refusing to acknowledge defeat, and as there was a tendency on the part of some of the Town players to take things rather easily when they had two goals lead, it came as no surprise when the visitors obtained a goal, and gave more trouble before the end.

A feature of the game was the very fine keeping of Robb, the old Scottish international, and it was not so much a case of dazzling saves, but of the ease with which he took shots, and he had a great number, from Rennie. His positioning was the secret of his skill, for he generally seemed to be in line to take the ball full in his arms. He had made many saves before he was beaten by ALDERSON after a few minutes' play, the opening having been made by Mills and Rennie after clever work on the left. This was the only point before the change of ends.

The Town goal had one or two narrow escapes in the second half before they scored again, and it was due as much to the fine play of Brown as to any other that the goal remained intact. Twice he saved with grand tackling when the backs were beaten. The Town were doing a lot of pressing, however, and the second goal came when Mills sent over a high centre which Robb came out to reach, but failed to get possession, and Rowe and RENNIE had the goal at their mercy, and the latter netted.

The visitors maintained their plucky fight, and Lane was in the picture with initiative that had the Town defenders at full stretch, while the dash of Smithson in the centre was always a factor to be reckoned with. From Lane to Smithson went a fine pass, and the centre-forward, his way challenged, tapped to THOM, who shot hard into the net, Lane having no chance to save.